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In re Application of:)
Masaaki HATANO, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2827
Serial No.: 09/816,177) Examiner: Mitchell, James M.
Filed: March 26, 2001)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Further to the Request for Reconsideration filed April 7, 2003, Applicants attach to this response a certified translation of JP 2000-086383. Applicants indicated in the April 7th Request for Reconsideration that the certified translation would be filed to overcome the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Stamper et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0053746, ("Stamper"). More particularly, Applicants claimed a foreign priority date of March 27, 2000 based on JP 2000-086383, which antedates the earliest U.S. filing date of Stamper's parent application, May 4, 2000. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this rejection in view of the certified translation and withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Stamper.

Please grant any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 required in entering this response. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 1.17, which are not enclosed,


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